

Miller & Rhoads

7,500 Yards of Striped and Plain
Messalines in Our

Big Silk Sale

At 39c a Yard

Regular 40c quality; 18 inches wide, all pure silk, soft, bright and lustrous. Striped messalines, in a wide range of this season's newest color combinations; Plain Satin Messalines, in both street and evening shades; 25 different shades to choose from. These at 39c a yard—a wonderful value.

See AND \$1.00 FOLDERS.

Cheney's Showers—In this season's designs, also in staple dots and stripes.

Jacquard Novelty Folders—Also 15c messalines, all these on sale at

25c FINGER SILK, 25c yard.

25 inches wide, in the natural pounce shade, also in navy, black and white.

A SPECIAL SALE OF REGULAR 75c FOLDERS

AT 49c A YARD.

One of the best bargains of the entire sale, 23 inches wide, soft, messaline finish Folders

with white dots; also in fashionable novelty designs, in wisteria, old rose, reseda, navy blue and green. Only about 350 yards in this lot.

See Window Exhibits and Attend the Sale—Silk Section, Main Floor.

"Jacquard Charmeuse,"

The Fashionable 39c Fabric in Our Big Wash Goods Sale

A 27-inch-wide, very lustrous and silky fabric which we are showing in all the most desirable street and evening shades. A rare opportunity to secure this popular fabric at JUST HALF PRICE.

19c

27 inches wide, shown in self-colored stripes, in brown, tan, reseda, old rose, Copenhagen, lavender, grey, mod and king's blue.

25c MERCHERIZED VOILES, 25c.

25 inches wide, white grounds, with stripes of green, lavender and pink. A beautiful fabric for summer dresses.

30c LUXE LININGS, 30c YARD.

Fashionable Diagonal Linings—MADE IN IRELAND—in the most wanted shades, such as light blue, pink, heliotrope, white, pounce, navy, blue, Copenhagen, grey, reseda, mulberry, wisteria and lavender. At 30c a yard this fabric is an EXTRAORDINARY VALUE.

Wash Goods Section, Main Floor, Sixth Street.

Beautiful Laces

From Richmond's Lace Store

Laces of Fashion, for this is a season in which styles are calling for these dainty embellishments as scarcely ever before.

Some are EXTRAORDINARY IN VALUE—due to the unique conditions under which they were bought. For instance:

30c AND 40c ALL-OVER LACES AT 25c A YD.

In shadow, flung and flat effects, 18 inches wide.

50c ALL-OVERS, 30c.

Val, flung and shadow effects, 18 inches wide, in the most desirable patterns.

60c AND 75c ALL-OVERS AT 40c.

18 inches wide, Val, and shadow effects, in white, cream and ecru.

VENICE BALL FRINGES.

A large new shipment we have just received—one of the most effective of this season's.

15 inches wide, Val, and shadow effects, in white, cream and ecru.

12 to 12 inches wide, in white, cream and ecru, the most fashionable lace this season for hat trimmings; also for dresses, 10c, 30c and up to \$2.00 a yard.

Main Floor.

House Dresses! Kimonos!

See Our Splendid Line at \$1.00

House Dresses—Pretty one-piece garments of percale, navy and grey stripes, or knippled checks, trimmed in solid color, others of white with black or colored dots, Persian borders.

House Dresses of Sheer Lawn—White, with pink, navy or light blue flange, dotted borders.

Crepé Kimonos—Shirred yokes, with Persian bands, pink, light blue, navy, lavender and red.

Any of these for \$1.00 a yard.

Second Floor.

CHURCH RELICS IN CORNER-STONE

Box Sealed by St. James in 1838 Uncarved for Second Masonic Ceremony.

COINS AS BRIGHT AS NEW

Historic Papers, Carefully Inspected, Reveal Much Interesting Matter.

Unearthed from beneath the masonry of St. James Episcopal Church, where it has lain for seventy-four years, the little lead box, seven by seven inches in length and breadth and six inches deep, placed in the corner-stone in 1838, and taken out from under the northeast corner of the building last Thursday, to be placed later along with modern data under the new building at the corner of Franklin and Birch Streets, opens a volume of history that brings to mind hundreds of happenings in Richmond and the South preceding the first thoughts of the War Between the States.

The relics of the old church, which were placed in the care of John N. Upham until they should be reinterred under the new structure, were exhibited last night to a reporter for The Times-Dispatch. One could hardly tell from the looks of the papers and coins that they had been placed in the box seventy-four years ago, so perfect was the plight and the shine of the coins.

Though the box was comparatively small, it contained a complete history of the days—April 2, 1838—when it was buried.

There were coins—almost as bright as when they came from the mint—a \$1 piece of 1793, a 50-cent piece of the year before, a \$5 gold piece and a \$250 gold piece of 1836, and several other minor coins one year older.

Then there were five notes, one of them was a Revolutionary 25-shilling piece, and the others notes on Richmond banks for sums from 1-1/4 cents to 25 cents, dating from 1775 to 1837.

Engraving on Plate.

On a silver plate was engraved:

"This corner-stone of St. James Church (Protestant Episcopal) was laid in due form by the Masonic Fraternity of Richmond, consisting of Lodges 19, 14 and 15, No. 19 presiding, on Monday, being the second day of April, Anno Lucis 5828, Anno Domini 1838, Most Worshipful Levi L. Stevenson being Grand Master of Masons, Right Reverend G. Pearson, Chancellor, Moore, Bishop of the Diocese of Virginia; David Campbell, Governor of Virginia; Martin Van Buren, President of the United States; Rev. Adam Empe, pastor of St. James Church; William H. Lambert and John Williams, wardens; John C. Moffett, John C. McCabe and James Beck, vestrymen of said church; Most Worshipful David W. Patterson, presiding as master of Richmond Lodge, No. 19; Thomas B. Higgin, master of No. 14; William A. Patterson, master of No. 15."

There are also copies of Seward's Pocket Almanac and Church Calendar, Cotton's Almanac, Churchman's Almanac, current copies of the Southern Literary Messenger, the Masonic Olive Branch, the Richmond Compiler, the Southern Churchman, the Southern Religious Telegraph, the Virginia North Carolina Conference Journal, the Religious Herald, the Richmond Whig and Public Advertiser, the Richmond Enquirer and the Watchman of the South.

Members of the vestry stating the proposed location of the church, 1 and 1 1/2 Streets, 1 Street being then the Marshall Street of today, and a post of a grand oratorio to be held at Monument Square on the occasion of the laying of the corner-stone, and two copies of the religious ceremonies, in one of which is a well preserved sprig of olive tree, the Masonic emblem of immortality.

Church Manuscript.

Last of all is a manuscript on which the following is inscribed:

"In the name of God, Amen. This foundation corner-stone of St. James Church is laid this second day of April in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and thirty-eight (1838)."

"The Right Reverend Richard Pearson, Bishop of the Diocese of Virginia, presiding, and Adam Empe, being rector of St. James Church, and William Lambert and John Williams being wardens, being the wardens, and John Beck, G. Pearson, John C. McCabe, the other vestrymen of the church."

"May Almighty God smile upon the work here begun and crown it with His blessing; may the friends of this church soon have reason to rejoice in its completion and to unite in thanking to Him who is author of all good."

"The Lord grant this for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen."

These relics have been entrusted to Dr. Upham to be placed in a copper box under the corner-stone of the new church to be laid on May 2. At that time the Right Reverend G. Pearson, Bishop of the Diocese of Virginia, will preside, and the address will be delivered by the Right Rev. George W. Patterson, Bishop of West Virginia.

Church Investigation.

The investigation of the corruption in the elementary grades of the public schools, which was conducted by a special committee of the city council, will be resumed tonight.

OUTLINES ITS WORK

Federation of Mothers' Clubs Discusses Plan for Future.

The first meeting of the executive board, Federation of Mothers' Clubs, under the administration of the new president, Mrs. William H. Harrison, was held yesterday afternoon at the John Smith school. Work of the federation for the past year was reviewed and plans for the future discussed. It is believed that under the present officers, who were the unanimous choice of the association, the coming year will be the most successful in its history.

During the past year the federation was a potent factor in the campaign for free text books in the public schools. At that time Mrs. Harrison was chairman of the educational committee, which had the work in charge. The Springfield Mothers' Club is now conducting a campaign for a new school building, and reported that it had every reason to expect success.

AMONG THE SPEEDERS

James Patton Fined \$50 and Costs for Violating Traffic Ordinance.

James Patton was fined \$50 and costs yesterday morning in police court for violating the ordinance regulating the speed of automobiles. He was reported by Motor Officer C. D. Saunders.

COURT TO SOLVE MYSTERY OF WILL

Small Fortune Left by Colored Huckster Claimed by Host of Relatives.

DOCUMENT DISAPPEARS

Supreme Court to Hear Case in Hope of Clearing Away the Doubt.

The State Supreme Court of Appeals yesterday granted the petition of the young colored girl, Gertrude Jackson, who claims to be the sole heir to \$25,000 left by William B. Williams, the negro huckster of the Second Market, and will hear the case which was decided adversely to her by Judge Grinnam in the Chancery Court. The case, aside from its unusual interest from a technical standpoint, is as full of human feeling as any litigation which has been heard in the Supreme Court in a decade. The young claimant to the estate is represented by the law firm of Lightfoot and Tucker, Mr. Tucker being her legal guardian.

The death on April 1, 1909, of William B. Williams at an advanced age was the signal for the appearance of a small army of children and friends, all claiming for a share in the fortune, which the old negro had hoarded during his long lifetime. Gertrude Jackson, a left-handed daughter of the huckster, laid claim to the whole of the fortune by virtue of a will which she alleged Williams made in her favor the day before he died.

Could Not Be Found.

An examination of the huckster's effects immediately after his death failed to bring to light any sign of the will, and in the absence of any last testament the court appointed two curators of the estate, who were to ascertain its value and look into the rights of the nine claimants.

In spite of the allegations in regard to the undiscovered will, Judge Grinnam, hearing the depositions of the various claimants, issued a decree declaring Mary P. Brown, legitimate daughter of William B. Williams, sole heir to the estate. The Jackson girls' attorneys immediately noted an appeal, and this petition was granted yesterday.

Since the other contestants were forced to admit the existence of a will at one time before Williams' death, there seems little room to question the fact that Gertrude Jackson was for a time at least the sole heir of Williams' estate under law.

The missing will, the girl claims, was drawn in November, 1906, when the beneficiary was seventeen years old, and bequeathed to her \$11,000 in cash and ten of the fifteen houses which Williams owned. The document was drawn by M. J. Smith, Jr.

Butter Complicated.

The disappearance of the will, without any explanation on the part of the testator, plunges the matter into a very complicated condition, even though the contestants admit the execution of the will. The right claimants base their case on the fact that, though they concede the execution of the will, any will, known to have been executed and contents of which are proven, last traced to the possession of the testator and not found upon search at his death, is presumed in the eyes of the law to have been destroyed by him with the purpose of revoking it. On the other hand, in no very veiled manner, the lawyers for Gertrude Jackson hint that the will, the existence and contents of which were known by all the relatives, was found and destroyed by the disinherited relatives immediately after the death of the old man.

It remains for the Supreme Court to decide, upon examination of all the evidence, whether the will was destroyed by the testator with the purpose of revoking it, or spirited away by those who were most likely to profit by its disappearance. The original decree in the case, which is styled Williams' curators vs. Jackson, Margaret Hewlett et al., was handed by Judge Grinnam on February 19, 1912. The claimants who are fighting the validity of the will are Walter J. Williams, Margaret Hewlett, Ellen Ricker, Ellen Taliferro, Ida B. Jackson, Margaret P. Brown and Coleman Williams, who is now in the State Penitentiary.

COULDN'T IDENTIFY HIM

Fortune-Teller Leaves Jail After Louisville Woman Looked at Him.

Mrs. George A. Frye, of Louisville, Ky., who claims to have been told by a clairvoyant, came to Richmond yesterday with the hope of identifying George Howard, alias George Packard, alias Paul Bon de la Noe, who was held at the City Jail, but he was not the man who identified her, she said.

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CONCRETE MEMBERS INSPECT SEWER

Go Down Below Ground and See Where It Cuts Through Solid Granite.

WILL DRAIN WIDE AREA

Engineers and Contractors Highly Commended for Successful Work.

Effecting a saving of from \$50,000 to \$55,000 in total cost by reason of a change in the proposed route, the Virginia Avenue sewer was put into use yesterday, after having been inspected by Mayor Richardson, City Engineer Bolling and members of the City Council, city officials and others. From day to day street basins in lateral branches already laid will be opened for use, until an area of 799 acres lying within the city limits is discharging all storm and house drainage into a main tunnel, which runs through solid granite for nearly 1,500 feet, emptying into James River.

Visitors Go Through Tunnel.

Those taking part in the inspection tour were the guests of Stamper, Bagland & Co., contractors, who have successfully completed the more difficult portion of the undertaking, the brick arch eight feet in diameter, the solid men when the special train left Main Street Station, while an express car carried bountiful refreshments. The train, run by the James River Division, the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway to the contractor's quarters, siding at Haxall Station, the mouth of the tunnel. Dozens of lanterns were provided, and the entire party entered the tunnel from its lower end, passing up the canal and railway tracks, and for more than a quarter of a mile up a 4 per cent. grade through ruggedly cut granite. Passing under Virginia Avenue through the Riverview section at a point approximately under the entrance to Major Dooley's place, the construction changed to a brick arch eight feet in diameter, the visitors continuing up to a point where three arms branch off like the fingers of the hand. With reverberating calls and snatches of songs, the party made its way as through some cave, reaching the top of the granite, the party was grouped around the lower end, and City Engineer Bolling was called on to tell of the work.

Saving of \$55,000.

He explained how the original plan for the sewer, which was to be a concrete tunnel, had been altered to a more direct tunnel construction under Virginia Avenue, effecting a saving of approximately \$55,000 in cost, and enabling the contractor to complete the work in less than a year.

Assistant City Engineer Kersey, who had been constantly on the job throughout the construction, working in the tunnel, the tunneling party, he said, had met with less than a half an inch variation in lines.

Mayor Richardson congratulated the city and the contractors on the successful conclusion of so great an undertaking, expressing his approval of the present plan of building sewers by a definite system rather than haphazard, telling of conditions formerly existing where arch drains empty into pipes of half their carrying capacity.

Assistant City Engineer Kersey spoke in high praise of the contractors, who, he said, had constantly pushed the work forward in all weather, and without any case for complaint. Mr. Stamper, of the contracting firm, who has been constantly in charge of the undertaking, spoke briefly, giving much credit to Coleman, a typical Virginia negro, who has been the dynamite expert on the job, placing and exploding enormous quantities of explosives without serious mishap. Coleman was brought forward, and highly praised for his vigilance, skill and fidelity on the work.

Should Stand for Centuries.

Colonel C. P. E. Burdette, a civil engineer of long experience, who had accompanied the party, said that he had inspected great culverts in Rome, said to have been constructed 500 years before Christ. From what he had seen of the great tunnel through granite, and the massive concrete construction in connection with it, he was of opinion that the enterprise just completed should stand as long.

Chief Health Officer E. C. Levy spoke of the great influence on the health of the entire city in affording drainage to so large a section, rapidly becoming thickly populated, saying that the sewer since he had been in office had been of more importance to the health of the citizens than the completion of the sewerage system, of which the Virginia Avenue sewer is the largest and most important link.

Several others congratulated the contractors on the skillful handling of a difficult piece of work. E. P. Myers, Jr., consulting engineer for the contracting firm, invited all to join in refreshments, and when all had partaken of the ample fare provided, fifty or more negroes who had been employed on the work were called up, and after singing several typical work songs for the company, were led to their heart's content. The party returned to Richmond by special train shortly before 6 o'clock.

Three Have Died.

It was remarked that Alderman John W. Moore was the last surviving member of the subcommittee of the former Street Committee which passed on the final plans under which the contract was awarded. The committee, as its members, Councilmen John J. Lynch and C. Price Davis, and called in for expert advice on the drainage plans Assistant City Engineer Jackson Bolton. All three have since died. Several members of the committee on Streets took occasion to express their sincere sympathy for the permanent and substantial character of the work, and City Engineer Bolling and the contractors were the recipients of many congratulations.

Moffett King Now Secretary.

G. Moffett King, who has been connected with the Mutual Assurance Society of Virginia for more than eight years as its local agent, was elected secretary of the society to succeed the late Thomas Bolling. Mr. King's election comes as a promotion to Mr. King.

Policeman Dobbins Resigns.

Policeman H. S. Dobbins, of the First District, yesterday tendered his resignation, effective at once, to Chief of Police Werner. The Police Board will meet tonight at 8 o'clock to fill the vacancy. Dobbins had been on the force about one year.

Special Shirts

Both plaited and negligee, with cuffs attached and detached. All desirable patterns and usually priced at from \$2.50 to \$3.00 now \$1.45

Gans-Rady Company

REAL ESTATE MEN FORM EXCHANGE

Plans Discussed and Committee Named to Investigate Systems Elsewhere.

Twenty-three of the eighty-seven real estate firms in Richmond, who represented at the Business Men's Club yesterday the plans for the organization of a Real Estate Exchange, met in a meeting was enthusiastic and satisfactory, and a committee was appointed to investigate conditions in other cities, with instructions to report later on the question of by-laws.

It is believed that all of the real estate people in the city will come into the association. The idea is to have a paid officer in charge. Quarters will be secured, one of the plans being to have all auctions conducted at the exchange. The scheme offers so many practical suggestions that it has been favorably received, the discussion yesterday being general, and all in one direction.

The following committee was appointed to make an investigation and report to a later meeting:

Bernard Jacobs, of Charles A. Rose Company; R. B. Harrison, of Harrison & Bates; LeRoy Brown, of J. Thompson, Brown & Co.; William Todd, of Golan & Nash; and James J. Pollard, of Pollard & Bagley.

Several real estate men expressed the view last night that the exchange would be of inestimable value to local traders, that it would bring them together, and serve in many ways to benefit and improve a business which has grown to wonderful proportions. The proposition has met with much favor, and there is every chance that flourishing exchange will be organized soon after the committee has possession of facts upon which to work.

MEMORIAL AT ST. PAUL'S

Service in Honor of Heroes Who Died on the Steamer Titanic.

In response to a request that there might be arranged some special service as a memorial to the men who sacrificed their lives for others on the ill-fated Titanic, there will be a communion service in St. Paul's Church on St. Mark's Day, Thursday, at 12 o'clock noon. There will be appropriate music and a very brief address, and the whole service will be short enough to allow business men to attend. The rectors of other Richmond churches, the joint with the ministers of St. Paul's in conducting it.

The spirit which was shown by those men who died on the Titanic—the high self-sacrifice—was so distinctive by the flowering of ideals common only to Christian civilization, that the one supremely fitting memorial to the spirit is the sacred service which links the thought of it with the great sacrifice of Christ. That is why there will be communion Thursday instead of some more informal and lesser service. The members of every Christian church in the city are invited and desired to share in it.

IN POLICE COURT

Three Held for Grand Jury on Charge of Robbery.

George Hanks, colored, was held for the grand jury on the charge of entering the house at 23 East Clay street and stealing an overcoat.

William Campbell, colored, was sent to jail for four months for entering a freight car of the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway and stealing one pair of shoes, owned by Ben Day.

Josephine Watkins and Mary White, both colored, were held for the grand jury on the charge of entering the home of James Valentine, 62 East Clay street, and stealing a quantity of clothing.

To the Voters of Clay Ward

I wish to inform you that the change of ward lines in our city placed me in Clay Ward. Being a member of the City Council from Monroe Ward, and not wanting to displace any of the old members from Clay and Henry Wards, I decided to offer for the Board of Aldermen from the new Clay Ward (there being a vacancy). My old ward (Monroe) only asks for one man out of the eight members, six of which are to be elected this year.

I stand on my record, and am proud of the fact that I have done my part toward making this a great and beautiful city.

The new ward being so large it is impossible for me to reach the voters personally, I therefore ask that, after investigation you find my record good, I shall gratefully appreciate your support.

Respectfully,

GEO. McDL. BLAKE.

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